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## Sun Belt Leads In Growth

Figures recently released indicate that the Sun Belt will be the most rapidly growing area of the United States during the coming decade.

While it is anticipated that by 1990 the total U.S. population will grow 9.6%, present projections indicate that growth in the Sun Belt should exceed 14% for the same period. A majority of the growth will take place in the eight southeastern states, with a smaller, but still significant growth in the southwestern states of the Sun Belt stretching from Texas to southern California.

While Florida is expected to take the lead with 27.1% more residents by 1990, all of the states composing the Southeast Conference, except Mississippi, are expected to grow faster than the national average.

In response, the Southeast Conference is engaged in an effort to establish a minimum of five new congregations by 1988. Funding for this important mission enterprise is provided through local church donations to New Church Development. Has your church done its share to help us meet our new neighbors tomorrow?

## Habitat For Humanity Observes Fourth Anniversary

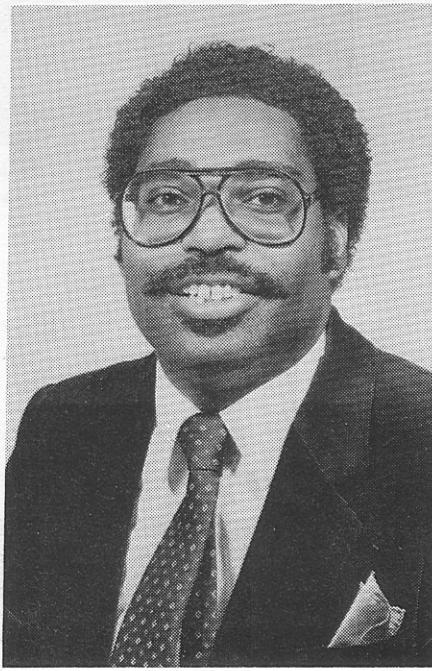
Habitat For Humanity, an inter-denominational effort to provide low cost housing for people in need throughout the world, recently observed its fourth anniversary.

Much has happened over the past four years. Consider the record:

—In Americus, GA nearly 100 homes have been completed with another 20 slated for construction this year.

—In Mbandake, Zaire the first phase of 122 houses is finished, furnishing homes for over 1,500 people. A second phase of 56 additional homes is getting underway.

—In Ntondo, Zaire, 100 out of 150 new



REV. JAMES H. CANTRELL

## Savannah First Church Calls Pastor

First Congregational Church, of the United Church of Christ, located in Savannah, GA, has called the Rev. James H. Cantrell as its new minister.

A native of Chattanooga, TN, Rev. Cantrell is a B.A. graduate of Dillard University, New Orleans, LA and received his M. Div. degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York.

Ordained in Chattanooga, TN, in 1970, Rev. Cantrell's most recent pastorates have both been in Chicago, IL. Following his tenure as Youth Minister at Lincoln Memorial Church, UCC, he was called as Pastor of Manor Community Church, UCC.

A member of the United Church Board for World Ministries and a member of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Association, Rev. Cantrell also served as a delegate to General Synod from that Association.

Married to the former Carol Berring of Houston, TX, the Cantrells have two children, Angela — age 8 and Vincent — 9

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## How Accessible Is Your Church?

Many UCC congregations have recently become alert to the needs of physically-handicapped people. They have appointed committees to recommend building changes to accommodate such people more readily and enable them to become more active in their church participation. The big question has always been, "How can a church building be made more accessible?"

Now a new book, *Accessible Church Buildings*, has been published by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Written by Ed Sovik, a Minnesota architect, the book answers all manner of "how" questions for accommodating individuals with handicaps. It is full of sketches that show how a church can make its facilities more accessible to all. You can order a copy of the book from: Office of Church Building, UCBHM, 132 West 31st Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10001. The price is \$4.95.

## CWS Aids Hurricane

### Victims

Church World Service, the international relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches, has asked its member denominations for \$200,000 in emergency funds to help the Caribbean rebuild after the worst storm of the century, Hurricane Allen.

Church World Service has already sent shipments to Haiti and St. Lucia. Included in the shipments were food, blankets and medical supplies. CWS is also coordinating shipments of material for the World Council of Churches. "In a situation like this world-wide cooperation is very important," explains Stanley Mitton, CWS assistant for emergency response.

CWS has received pledges from three national church agencies, including the United Church Board for World Ministries. Since rebuilding efforts will be lengthy, continued support from local churches will be most welcome and greatly appreciated!

# Ala-Tenn Association Explores Stewardship

Over 100 persons were registered for the 1980 Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, held Friday through Saturday, September 19-20.

Meeting at the United Church, Huntsville, AL on Friday evening, the Association convened on Saturday at the Post Chapel, Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville where the work of the military chaplaincy was underscored.

Centered around "Stewardship," the Association program was led by Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff who introduced youth as well as adults to the spirit and practical application of stewardship in the church.

## NYE Experience

### Appreciated

Enthusiastic reactions are in evidence as a result of participation in the National Youth Event, a national youth convocation of the United Church of Christ, held this past summer June 25-29 on the campus of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

A typical reaction is that of Laura Moore, a high school student and member of Atlanta Central UCC and one of ten members of the Southeast Conference delegation. "I enjoyed the National Youth Event because it really dealt with my life," said Laura. "There were special interest groups, worship services, live entertainment, speakers and workshops. My best workshop was "Maintaining My Identity In a Crowd." One of the things that impressed me most was the visit of Andrew Young. He spoke to the whole group, but he ate dinner at our Southeast Conference table!"

Over 1,500 youth and adult advisors from every Conference in the United Church attended the National Youth Event. The first national convocation of youth in the history of the United Church, plans are to offer similar events in even numbered years when General Synod is not meeting.

As a result of her participation, Beth Ann Allison of Knoxville, TN, Church of the Savior wrote the following poem, appropriately titled "NYE":

The expressing of deep feelings  
through words, for not all can say it.  
The forming of your own values through  
much thought and many mistakes.  
The finding of new friends through  
bold conversations and chance meet-  
ings.  
The sharing of God's love through  
events, speeches, and shared goals.



"Old Folks Day" at Antioch Congregational Church,  
Andalusia, AL

## Antioch Church Celebrates Old Folks Day

The Antioch Congregational Church of Andalusia, Alabama celebrated Old Folks day on Sunday, September 28 with over 35 members participating in the event.

The church celebrated the day with a special service held at the church. A choir, composed of approximately 20 members, sang many of the old songs and tunes, including such old favorites as "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

The oldest couple present were Mr. and Mrs. Jody Daughtry, both of whom are in their 80's. Their first time back for a Sunday morning service in over 10 years, Mr. Daughtry commented that "he was so glad to be back in the church for the day." Mrs. Daughtry added that even though they had been absent all those years because of illness, they still "kept up with the going's on of the church."

Other church members also added that they, too, enjoyed the day.

— Carole Brand

### Habitat - Cont'd.

homes have been completed.

— In Guatemala, 17 homes are under construction of 53 to be built in Aguacatan. — In the US, there are 10 other Habitat Projects all of which are making steady progress. One of these projects is located in the Southeast Conference — in Morgan and Scott Counties, TN.

For further information, contact Habitat For Humanity, Inc., 419 West Church St., Americus, GA 31709.

## "Our Journey" New Multi-Media Packet

A new multi-media packet of UCC heritage resources, specifically intended for Confirmation Class and Youth Ministry use, is now available for purchase.

Produced by UCBHM in cooperation with the Florida, South Central and Southwest Conferences, the packet is entitled "Our Journey" and includes the following variety of materials:

- Pathways Past — A color filmstrip on the European heritage of the UCC
- Footpaths of Faith — A series of 28 one-page historical sketches on people and events shaping the UCC
- The UCC Story Game — A board game for 2 to 6 people taking players through UCC history
- Roots Journey — Reprints of an article describing a journey of youth and adults to European landmarks historic to the UCC
- The Journey Guidebook — A guide for using the material in church programming.

Cost for the entire packet is \$37.50. Checks should be made to Youth Project - Heritage Resources and must accompany each order. Orders should be sent to:

Youth Project - Heritage Resources  
c/o Florida Conference, UCC  
222 East Welbourne Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789.

### Cantrell - Cont'd.

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First Church, Savannah, is in the midst of a redevelopment effort jointly sponsored by the Southeast Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Rev. Cantrell began his pastorate October 1.

## The Congregational Library:

Try It, You'll Like It!

The Congregational Library, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA (02108) has in its collections over 225,000 items from such fields as church history and theology, Christian education and church management, preaching and worship, biblical studies, social problems and world religions.

Although the Library is in Boston, ministers and laypeople of all denominations living outside the area may still easily borrow materials from the Library. Here's how:

Send a letter or postcard listing the book wanted by author and title. It's a good idea to list several, in case some are already out on loan.

For a selection of books on a particular subject or area, state the subject or area as clearly as possible on your card.

If you have a long list of book-needs, indicate how many books you want to receive at one time.

Books already out on loan will be reserved for you.

Allowing for the vagaries of the postal service, books are loaned for four weeks from the day the borrower receives them. Books not currently in demand can be renewed by dropping the Library a card before the due date.

If you have any questions, or wish to receive the Library Bulletin which announces new books as available (a year's subscription costs \$3), write or phone (617) 523-0470.



Chris Burr and a Zambian colleague

## New Ministry In Zambia

One of the newest nations of Southern Africa is Zambia, a landlocked country that is a little larger than the state of Texas and that borders on Angola, Zaire, Tanzania, Mozambique, and Rhodesia. Zambia became an independent republic in 1964 and, a year later, six Zambian denominations joined to form the United Church of Zambia. The United Church Board for World Ministries supports the work of this UCZ by sending missionaries, primarily teachers and pastors, to work with the Secondary School at Sefula and at Kafue. Last year, one of the corporate members of the UCBWM, the Rev. Christopher Burr, and his wife, Irene, left their comfortable pastorate in Cambridge, Maryland, to go to Zambia where Chris is now pastor of the congregation at Luanshya, a multi-racial mining town of 150,000 near Kitwe.

For some weeks, the Burrs stayed at the

## For Everything: A Season

The ancient preacher wrote: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die." (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2). Now there is a packet of materials available to help you work with public officials in your state to develop legislation dealing with the so-called "living will." A "living will" is a document that allows an individual, while still competent, to direct that "heroic medical measures" not be used to prolong his or her life in case of terminal illness with no reasonable hope of recovery.

The UCC General Synod directed our denomination's national Office for Church in Society to urge enactment of such legislation. The Living Will packet is a direct response to this directive. It is now available from Church Leadership Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, MO 63166. The price is \$2.50 per packet.

Roman Catholic mission station in rural Northern Zambia learning the Bemba language. Their services were requested by the United Church of Zambia to help provide needed local leadership. The UCZ cannot train ministers fast enough. The denomination is growing steadily, but the cost of training ministers limits the number of candidates. It is not unusual for "local ministers," many of whom have had little formal education, to be leading congregations of 800 to 1000 members.

Keep the Burrs and their new ministry in Luanshya in your thoughts and prayers. They minister there in behalf of us all as colleagues in a partner denomination.



A meeting of the Southeast Conference Women's Task Force [l-r]: June Bell - Chairwoman, Louise Cox, Yubenia Prigmore, Steve Gray, Virginia McAmy and Joyce Myers

## NEWS and NOTES

Membership growth for 1979 at Button Gwinnett UCC, a Southeast Conference new church start, was in the top three for all United Church of Christ church starts over the past six years. The church is located in Lilburn, GA.

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The Healing Community suggests that October 12 be observed in each of our local churches as "Access Sunday," a day to focus on the needs of the handicapped and the architectural and attitudinal barriers that they face. For further information write: The Healing Community, 139 Walworth Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. 10606.

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Audrey Livingston, Moderator of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, and two members of Knoxville UCC, attended the Retreat of the Tennessee Christian (Disciples of Christ) Women's Fellowship held on September 13 at Bethany Hills Campground, Kingston Springs, TN. Further cooperative efforts between the Ala-Tenn Association and the Christian Church in Tennessee is being planned.

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A task force representing over 40

religious organizations has earmarked October 17-19 as "Responsible Energy Sabbath Weekend." A brochure outlining suggested program emphases is available from: 475 Riverside Drive, Room 572, New York, N.Y. 10115. The United Church of Christ is a full participant in this project.

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"Overseas Opportunities" in foreign mission service through the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is printed quarterly and lists positions open in the areas of church life, agriculture, health services and secondary education. For your copy, write: UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive - 16th Floor, N.Y., N.Y. 10027.

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Condolences are extended to Dr. and Mrs. David Beebe and family in the passing of Mrs. Beebe's father, Mr. Alvin Corfitsen, on Thursday, August 28 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Dr. Beebe is pastor of Pilgrim UCC in Chattanooga, TN.

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Ms. Bobbie Hoy has been appointed as the new Associate Director for Administration of Habitat for Humanity, located in Americus, GA. She will be accompanied by her daughter and husband Phil, an

## A Short Course In Human Relations

The six most important words: You did a fine job.

The four most important words: What is your opinion?

The three most important words: If you please...

The two most important words: Thank you.

The one most important word: We.

The least important word: I.

—Langdale UCC Newsletter

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ordained UCC minister, who is completing a pastorate at Faith UCC in Ft. Wayne, IND. Ms. Hoy replaces former Associate Director Jim Prickett who is leaving to assume the pastorate of Lakewood UCC in St. Petersburg, FL.

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From February 1979 to April 1980, the United Church of Christ has established 35 new congregations: 15 Anglo-American, 8 Hispanic, 3 Black, 3 Filipino, 1 Native American, 1 Korean, 1 Samoan, and 3 Center City Renewal congregations of mixed ethnic and racial background.

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On September 23 a delegation from Pleasant Hill, TN, Community UCC visited and toured the Morgan-Scott Project, located in Morgan and Scott Counties, Tennessee. This is the fourth annual trip for the Pleasant Hill Church.

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On September 21 the Rev. Mark Deaton was installed as Associate Pastor of Circular Congregational Church, located in Charleston, S.C. Circular Church is affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church as well as the United Church of Christ.

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Love in the Mortar Joints is the title of the new book by Millard Fuller which tells the story of Habitat for Humanity. Printed by Association Press, the book may be ordered by writing: 419 West Church Street, Americus, GA 31709.

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